

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
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In re U.S. Patent Application of Vaidyanathan,	)	
et al.	)	
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Application No. 10/038,398	)	
	)	Examiner: Thomas C. Barrett
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For: Compositions and Methods for	)	
Biomedical Applications	)	

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION WITH AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 21, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Applicants petition for a three (3) month extension of the term. Applicants' undersigned representative also authorizes the charging of Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the extension fee and any other fee that might be due upon entry and full consideration of this amendment.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.